



Washington Service Corps members attend SERVES Institute "2001: A Service Odyssey"

For three days, October 23-25, on the campus of Central Washington University, 800 WSC members and project supervisors came together to journey into "A Service Odyssey: a mission of self-discovery." Challenged to deeply consider issues of diversity and communications the workshop presentations encouraged participants to examine how injustice, prejudice and cultural differences requires careful, thoughtful and educated responses.



Left: AmeriCorps member lends a hand in preparing the area for future gardening.

Right: Keynote Speaker Dr. Angela Gilliam shares her insight and life of service with the WSC membership during the opening ceremony

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Other workshop offerings over the three days included, "Change From Within: How to Involve Our Communities in Positive Social Change" presented by AmeriCorps alumni Adam Fletcher, "Building a Vision for Yourself and Your Program" presented by Charlie Murphy & Peggy Taylor of *Power of Hope*, "After School Programs and Crime Prevention" led by Chief Steve Rittreiser, "Implementing Salmon Enhancement Projects" presented by Neil Werner & Melissa Palmer, and "Advanced Tutor Training" facilitated by Dean DeSantis.

In continuing the tradition of service, an estimated 100 members also gave back to the community of Ellensburg in a variety of engaging service projects. Organized by WSC staffer Harold Phillips, members had an opportunity to pitch in to help to prune Juniper hedges and create a garden area surrounding the

gazebo area of the Kittitas Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center. Other projects included painting the fence and deck of an elderly woman's residence.



Diversity

by Penny Lee Kling

A ball of multicolored yarn is tossed around the room.

A single thread is grasped connecting me and you.

The lesson taught is so simple and true.

A single strand stands for our strength and love.

Of our togetherness in this world.

*Diversity is love.
Diversity is strength.*

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Director's Corner



In the aftermath of September 11th, there has been nonstop talk of how our country is more unified than it has been since the days of World War II. Most people I talk to and media reports tell tales of sacrifice and heroism, both then and now. In the wake of the tragic events, we have heard many heroic stories. The idea of ordinary citizens, like you and others in national service, engaged in acts of heroism seems especially poignant and meaningful. You're already out there giving strength and hope from which real peace and humanitarianism is born.

In this year of service to your communities, please look around you at others who want to contribute through volunteering. We all have opportunities to invite neighbors and friends to serve with us. Reach out to others. There are hundreds of ways to teach and help one another. Let's continue to take up the practical challenges of helping to create stronger communities perhaps best described in the *Cure of Troy*, an epic poem by Seamus Heaney:

So hope for a great
sea-change
On the far side of revenge.
Believe that a farther shore
Is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles
And cures and healing wells.

Have a great year!

Nancy Pringle, Director



Amanda Marie DeMars, a Washington Reading Corps VISTA serving with Intermountain AmeriCorps Network at Lincoln Elementary in Wenatchee, passed away on November 6, 2001, at the age of 25. In 1998 Amanda moved to Wenatchee from Seattle, where she had graduated from Redmond High School.

Amanda is greatly missed. Though she had been part of our team for only a short time, her youth, kindness and enthusiasm had already made a positive impact on people she worked with. Her interests were children, singing, dancing and reading. She had volunteered for the Special Olympics for 6 years.

In her motivational statement, Amanda wrote: "I love teaching. It is very rewarding to help others, and watch them learn and grow. I like to help others and make a difference in their lives. I like that AmeriCorps is a community-based service. I am a good teacher and take pride in my work. I am very dependable and a hard worker and enjoy learning. I hope to gain more education and become more involved in serving my local community."

Welcome to the WSC!

The Washington Service Corps would like to welcome our new project supervisors and staff: Willette Cheatom, YCSAC eCorps supervisor, Lou August, Wilderness Technology Alliance, eCorps supervisor, Alisa Powers, Fremont Public Association, Vicky Malloy, Intermountain eCorps, Cheryl Boldt, WSC staff, Heather Lundquist, YVOIC, Joe Cyrus, YVOIC, Eilidh Shaffer, YVOIC, Erika Hagensen, ESD 112, Bob Braun, ESD 101, Lynn Schinnell, Cispus Learning Center, Neuee Vitalis, Cape Flattery School District, Heather Weaver, Campus Compact. Welcome back to WSC staffers Sarah C. Wilson, and Terry Rene we missed you!

Good-bye, Eugene!



After 28 years with the State of Washington, Eugene Suzaka, AmeriCorps *USA program manager retired from public service on November 30th. In his 7+ years with the Washington Service Corps, Eugene wore many hats. In final reflections on his time with the WSC, Eugene recalls "one of my most memorable experiences with WSC was attending the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps' 'CorpsWork 2000 Service and Education Project' held in New York in June 2000. Those in attendance were able to engage in service projects coordinated by the New York Restoration Project (NYRP). Bette Midler, founder of NYRP, participated in kickoff ceremonies and visited service project sites. I spent two days helping with the construction of a boat dock for the Bronx River. We also enjoyed planned events at Yankee Stadium (baseball game), Bronx Zoo, the Statue of Liberty, and a Bette Midler charity concert in New Jersey. I really enjoyed being in New York and thank the WSC for allowing me to attend this event."

Eugene's sincere dedication to the program and success of the Washington Service Corps will be greatly missed by all who had the benefit of working with him.

WSC members collaborate with Walla Walla Realtors Association, Skagit Valley Community Action Agency, and others for 'Make a Difference Day' projects in communities across the state

On Sunday, October 28, the Walla Walla Valley AmeriCorps team assisted the Walla Walla Realtors Association with its annual food drive. Some members set up collection baskets at the entrances of Safeway and Albertson's. Others canvassed the neighborhoods to collect the food that community members had left on their porches or walkways. Several members assumed the responsibility of loading the two trucks used as central collection areas. The Realtors Association transferred all of the collected food to the food distribution warehouse operated by the Blue Mountain Action Council.

On Thursday, November 8, the team gathered at the food distribution warehouse to hand-sort the three tons of donated food commodities. In addition, the team invited Representa-



tive Dave Mastin and Senator Mike Hewitt to join them for a catered lunch. During the break from sorting food, elected officials and members were able to interact informally and at a personal

level. After the meal was finished, both legislators participated in formally swearing-in the members. Representative Mastin and Senator Hewitt impressed the members with their sense of humor, genuine interest in them as members, support of the program and its objectives, and their easygoing, friendly accessibility.

Across the state, the Campus Compact Washington Reading Corps team partnered with the Skagit Valley Community Action Agency to do some needed landscaping work for the Anacortes Senior Center, a place that offers a wealth of resources and services to seniors throughout Skagit County. The team worked in the center's extensive native-plants garden—weeding,

raking leaves, and spreading compost—to ready the garden for the winter. A generous lunch was donated by Haggens, Safeway and Papa Johns.

Through tremendous efforts on the Eastern side of the state, members from Gonzaga University and Eastern Washington University helped a woman who is caring for her daughter who was recently in a car accident. To assist her, the members moved a giant woodpile, cut down plum trees and prepared her lawn for the winter. Member Kellina Lopez de Victoria commented, "we had a great time and it was a very positive experience."

At Columbia Basin College, Jane Moore, collected recyclable materials from homebound elderly and transported them to the recycling center in Walla Walla. This project helped the homeowners out with lower garbage bills and helped save the environment! Member Audrey Renaud, from Walla Walla Community College, volunteered at the Veteran's Hospital in Walla Walla and put on a performance with her guitar for nine patients for a "Ward Birthday Party." The staff and other patients who couldn't come to the cafeteria for the performance could still hear the music echoing in the hall. Audrey said, "I know I made a difference in the lives of at least a few people."

On the western side of the state, members from Western Washington University participated in a park restoration project sponsored by the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Project. They participated with over 100 volunteers in the Bellingham area and planted over a thousand seedlings of several indigenous varieties along Whatcom Creek that had been heavily impacted by a gas-line explosion and a fire a few years ago. Member Steven Young commented, "I learned several interesting things about the local ecology, as well as how ...any individual can ... contribute to the rebalance of ecology, given a little guidance and support from others" member Karen Hickinbotham said. "It was a fun way to become involved,

Resources for Supervisors

Effective Practices Information Center

<http://www.cns.gov/resources/epicenter/>

EpiCenter is the online database of effective program practices, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The mission of EpiCenter is to support practitioners in developing sustainable programs that lead to positive outcomes, by making ideas and information widely available across the national service network. Search EpiCenter to find ways to more effectively serve your community and support your members, volunteers, and students. Share practices that worked in your program and let others learn, and benefit from, your experience!

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Training, but Were Afraid to Ask

The National Service Resource Center has the latest fall issue of the publication "The Resource Connection" online as a PDF full of information about training. Download it from their website at <http://www.etr.org/nsrc/>

WSC welcomes 3rd AmeriCorps Leader

Dear AmeriCorps Members,



Hi, my name is Catherine Booth, I have the honor and privilege of serving

as the Washington Service Corps AmeriCorps Leader during the 2001-2002 program year. Last year I served as an AmeriCorps USA with the Washington Reading Corps tutoring K-5 students at Tillicum Elementary School in Lakewood.

As the AmeriCorps Leader I will be developing an online digital community, which will enhance the service activities of members, supervisors, and project partners, assessing the collective competency and comfort level of

AmeriCorps members relative to computer technology, providing technology skills curriculum planning and training for members, including website development, designing strategic technology improvement plans for project sites as well as acting as a liaison between AmeriCorps members and the Washington Service Corps and the Washington Commission for National and Community Service.

I bring to the position a decade of computer-related training and instructional design experience. I teach professional development, resume research and design, collaborative design processes, desktop publishing, automating the job search process, database design, web page design, graphic design, preferred futures design, and systems thinking for beginners workshops. I also teach Microsoft Windows, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher, Project, FrontPage and Internet Explorer.

I hold a Master of Arts degree in whole systems design (WSD) from Antioch University, Seattle, where I focused on preferred futures design and visual culture. My passion is the study of leadership skills which are emerging out of the new sciences (i.e., chaos theory, complexity theory, systems theory, advanced systems design, theory of constraints, etc). My personal theory is that a whole systems designer is not someone you have to learn how to become, but rather someone you can become aware that you are. If you are human, you are by nature a whole systems designer. I enjoy teaching others how to become aware of their capacity for whole systems design, how to develop their skills as whole systems designers, and how to apply their knowledge and skills to enhance their daily life. As humans we are "living systems," and our families, educational institutions, governments, schools, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Washington Service Corps, and AmeriCorps are all sys-

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beautifying a community park that was once a trauma scene, and boosting the esteem of the community at the same time."

Members from Seattle University worked with the Lifelong AIDS Alliance (LAA) preparing materials for public distribution. These efforts are a vital part of LAA's mission. This is a way of letting the community know what the organization is doing and what resources are available in the community.

Members from the University of Washington and Bellevue Community College joined efforts by cleaning up a 3½ mile trail around Green Lake in Seattle. Because it is one of the most well used parks in the Seattle area, it requires constant attention. The Department of Parks and Recreation devote some time to the

upkeep of the park, but is also the responsibility of community members to help keep the park clean. The most striking impression of the group agreed on after the project was the relative ease that it required to make so much difference. With



trash bags filled and rain soaked clothes, members left with a renewed appreciation and respect for the Green Lake Trail.

Seventy members with

Intermountain AmeriCorps spent the day at seven project sites where they cleaned up Squilchuck Creek, which is often used as a dumping ground, beautified Methow Community Park, cleaned and painted rooms at the Bruce Transitional Housing project, helped to landscape the yard at Women's Resource Center and pitched in to winterize the cabins at Camp Zanika.

The Lower Valley Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) AmeriCorps team joined the Sunnyside Veteran's of Foreign War (VFW) Post #3482 to put together a children's Halloween party. Nearly 30 families came through the doors to enjoy the activities as well as take in the hot dogs and chips provided by the VFW. Several members dressed up in Halloween fare to supervise several organized activities that included a pumpkin decorating contest, bingo, fingerprinting, coloring, a cake walk and a costume contest. Children were provided a safe and fun Halloween experience and many of them left with pumpkins, prizes, and books. With the assistance of Sunnyside Police Officer Corey Rosen, parents were provided fingerprint records for their children.

This program was the kickoff for the Lower Valley O.I.C. AmeriCorps team to build community partnerships and service, and widen the community's awareness of AmeriCorps.

Individual Placement Profile

Erin Cudney, Passages Northwest: Girls Rock! program



Erin Cudney spots her mentee Alexis Chouery during the Spring Girls Rock! session as she learns the skill of bouldering (climbing with out a rope, staying low to the ground)

"My year of AmeriCorps service for Passages Northwest has been the opportunity of a lifetime. I was lucky to find an organization that matched my interests almost perfectly. With Passages Northwest, I have been able to stretch myself and grow. I learned valuable work skills, such as database design, website development, event planning, budgeting, communications, and time management that I never learned in 4 years at an Ivy League school! More importantly, I've learned life skills that I will use in everything I do in life. I've seen girls cry and I've seen them dance and sing. I've struggled with trying to communicate with people of different races, ages,

and economic backgrounds than myself. I've learned how cooperation and enthusiasm can get anything accomplished! I've learned how to ask for help.

My two main responsibilities have been in Volunteer Coordinating, and Admissions, but I've also gotten to help with anything in the office that needs to be done, such as making photo albums from our summer trips, updating our website, deciding on the location for day hikes, and organizing and cleaning gear!

In the rest of my time, I go outside on programs with girls and women. I have been an instructor for our rock climbing days, a volunteer mentor for our "Girls Rock!" afterschool program, and a leader on various Stewardship and Challenge Course days.

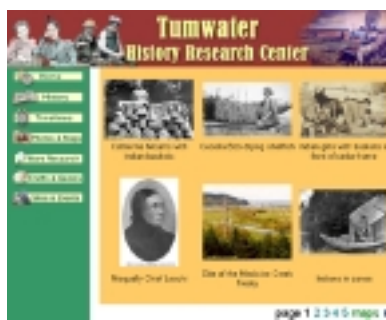
Thank you AmeriCorps and thank you Passages Northwest!

As a benefit for both Erin and her site, her accomplishments were so great, she was offered a paid staff position to build upon her year as an AmeriCorps member.

IP project snapshots



WSC staff pitched in to help with a program of Catholic Community Services, where WSC IP member Gabrielle Davis serves. Helping in their "Volunteer Chore Services" project, staff cleaned apartments with the seniors living at the Boardwalk Apartments, a low-income senior housing complex in Downtown Olympia.



IP member Sophia Starmack, who served at the Henderson House recently completed her term and successfully completed a web-based "Tumwater History Research Center" to be a place for youth to discover history. To check out her project's accomplishments, visit the site online at www.olywa.net/tumwaterhistory.

Welcome to Our New IP Members

Tova Cochran, Walla Walla Co Regional Waste Reduction
 Israel Fuentes, United Way of Yakima County
 Christina Guardado, United Way of Yakima County
 Angela Orozco, United Way of Yakima County
 Lisa Markovchick-Nicholls, People for Puget Sound
 Sarah Read, Habitat for Humanity
 Lauren McCoy, Youthnet - Emerson School
 Christine Purdy, Marine Science Society
 Jennifer Gray, WA St Parks - Deception Pass
 Chris Kennedy, Gonzaga University
 April Chambers, Hudson Bay High School
 David Hartness, Waskowitz Outdoor School
 Adam Halpern, CASA Latina
 Sierra Ewert, Community Coalition for Environmental Justice
 Kathy Lombera, United Way of Yakima County
 Nicholas Helhowski, Peace for the Streets
 Nicole DiRanna, Cascade AIDS Project
 Ashley Cerrillo, Boys & Girls Club
 Asencion Muro Jr., Boys & Girls Club
 Carla Ferguson, Boys & Girls Club
 Randelle Schmidt, Oasis Teen Shelter
 Jessica Lester, Oasis Teen Shelter
 Jared Hinze, Yakima Co Fire Dist #3
 Amelia White, Deception Pass State Park
 Kimberly Acuff, Youthnet - ILP - Sno Co
 Kevin Anderson, South Sound YMCA
 Drew Gaskell, City of Selah Parks & Recreation
 Sarah Sokolow, Whatcom County Juvenile Services
 Robin Spada, Whittier Elementary
 Desiree DuBois, Big Brothers Big Sisters Whatcom Co
 Schaylee Baumgartner, CASA Latina
 Kyle Franklin, Wildwood Elementary
 Shannon Whetstone, Wildwood Elementary
 Nathaniel Racimo, Wildwood Elementary
 Beth Howerter, Waskowitz Outdoor School
 Kimberly Furman, Housing Authority of Thurston Co
 Sara Ewing, Skagit Co Comm Action Agency
 Audrie Pearson, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Island
 Robert Wallace, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Island
 Sopheap Uch, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thurston Co
 Rachel Goeke, Mason Co Literacy
 Leanne Downs, YWCA of Olympia
 Alfredo Torres, Skagit Co Comm Action Agency
 Andrew Becherer, Skagit Co Comm Action Agency
 Seran Cross, Youth Unlimited
 Natalie Doerr, Environmental Education Assoc of WA
 Philip Morin III, Cutter Theatre
 Sharleen Oscarson, Cutter Theatre
 Stacey Wood, Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
 Melissa Opel, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Spokane
 Mary Roes, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Spokane
 Sean McKinney, Giving Tree
 Taylor Chapple, Salish Sea Expeditions
 Erin Harwood, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Assoc.
 Victoria Coleman, West Woodland Elementary
 Noah Prince, West Woodland Elementary
 Reid Henry, Glover Middle School
 Leticia Bravo, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Spokane

WSC Members attend Northwest Leader Corps

Fifteen Washington Service Corps members were selected to attend the Northwest Leader Corps leadership development training sponsored by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, and the WA Commission for National & Community Service. The group met for the first training session at Fort Worden State Park and Conference Center in Port Townsend, WA during the week of November 6.

Congratulations to Wendy Adamsen, Ferry County Community Services, Agustin Benegas, Intermountain AmeriCorps, Catherine Booth, WSC AmeriCorps Leader, Sarah Bopp, WRC, Danielle Chavez, WRC - Beacon Hill Elementary, Angie Gaenz, Community Youth Services, Joshua Hess, Campus Compact, Elizabeth Kocsis, Intermountain AmeriCorps, Karen Larsen, Fremont Public Association - WRC, Trisha Matthieu, Washington Reading Corps - Seattle, Robbin Mitchell, WRC, Marlena Perez, Yakima Co. Substance Abuse Coalition, Sara Pritchard, Intermountain AmeriCorps, Cindi Lu Strode, Community Youth Ser-

vices, and Jen Richards, Intermountain AmeriCorps.

In the media:

Looking at ways for young and older people to get involved in public and community service, Washington Service Corps member Lisa Adams with Ferry County Community Services was interviewed as part of an interview panel on "Mobilizing Young People in the New Era" broadcast on the public radio program "Weekday" on KUOW in Seattle.

On October 27, 2001 Mohana Kumar, WSC member at Valhalla Elementary School in Federal Way wrote an article as a guest columnist for the *Federal Way Mirror* where she highlighted the positive efforts her school has taken in response to the events surrounding the September 11 attacks. Focusing on "pride," Kumar writes about the activities that have allowed the children to reflect their feelings through patriotic essays and poems.

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tems as well. If you take the time to develop your basic capacity for whole systems design, you will find that you will begin to see how to change systems more effectively, and how to act more in tune with the larger processes (processes are also systems) of the natural and economic world. I will be teaching two classes at the S.E.R.V.E.S. Institute in March called, "Whole Systems Design for the Beginners Mind," and "Four Ways to Think About Your Future." Both are designed to enhance your life during and after AmeriCorps. If you're interested in "big picture" thinking, and/or designing your preferred future, I hope you will attend.

Thank you so much for dedicating eleven or more months of your precious and valuable time to national, state and local service. This is an exciting time to be part of the "service community," and you are faced with some challenging and life-changing tasks. If there is anything I can do to assist you, (i.e. teaching a computer class or addressing an AmeriCorps issue) please let me know. I can be reached at cbooth@esd.wa.gov or 360.438.3140.

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News from the Corporation for National Service

Vice President Swears In New Head of Corporation for National and Community Service

Vice President Richard B. Cheney swore in Leslie Lenkowsky as the new chief executive officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service on November 16th, 2001

Lenkowsky, a leading scholar on philanthropy and a former professor of philanthropic studies at Indiana University, is the former head of the Hudson Institute, a public policy research institute based in Indianapolis. He also served on the board of directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service since it was created in 1993.

President Bush Taps AmeriCorps and Senior Corps to Support Homeland Security Efforts

The Corporation for National and Community Service will mobilize more than 20,000 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members to assist with the nation's homeland security needs as part of a broad effort by President Bush to find ways for Americans to get involved in the war against terrorism.

As part of the President's initiative, AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and other volunteers will provide assistance in three major areas: public safety, public health, and disaster preparedness and relief.

Gabrielle Davis, Catholic Community Services
Tennille Jeffries, Habitat for Humanity
Maleah Pullar, Central WA Disability Resources
Tyler Carlson, Boys & Girls Club
Angela Bell, Anacortes School District
Darian Mackay, WA State Parks & Recreation
Nathan Martens, WA State Parks & Recreation
Benjamin Fehrner, Youthnet
Matthew Davis, Oasis Teen Shelter
Johanna Talbott, Second Harvest Food Bank
Andrea Strayer, Giving Tree
Erica Ramsdale, Habitat for Humanity
Beth Fortuna, Oasis Teen Shelter
Amy Bartran, Lynden Pioneer Museum
Teddy Craven, Cle Elum Roslyn School
Jared Sanchez, Boys & Girls Club
Kalli Wilson, Boys & Girls Club
Sarah Durkee, Pierce Co AIDS Found.
Edith Gomez, Boys & Girls Club
Leah Peterson, Greenbank Farm Management
Tina Henry, Youth Dynamics

Project Updates

News from the Washington Reading Corps

The Yakima Substance Abuse Coalition Washington Reading Corps (WRC) program was honored for their community commitment with the 2002 Public Service Award from the



Yakima Advertising Federation. The award, which will be used to produce a full-service ad campaign will be produced by KIMA-TV, Perry Technical Institute and other ad agencies in Yakima who will design and implement an ad campaign (video, print, TV commercial, radio spots) to benefit WRC volunteer recruitment.

During a recent site visit, 14th District House Representative Mary Skinner



made a visit to Hoover Elementary in Yakima on November 15th with VISTA member Lisa Sali to brainstorm on potential resources for the project. In meeting with the team, Rep. Skinner volunteered to help host and be the spokesperson in all of the promotions that will be produced with the grant from the Yakima Advertising Federation. Also during the visit Representative Skinner had an opportunity to get to know third grader Charley Christie by reading about what happens to turtles if they are pulled from their shells.

NASCC "ECO" reviewers visit the WSC

Washington Service Corps was recently visited by the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps (NASCC) Excellence in Corps Operations (ECO) assessment peer reviewers Kristine Burdick, NASCC program assistant, Patti Keating, Chief of Legislation with the California Conservation Corps, and Gayle Hilleke, project manager with the Corporation for National and Community Service during October 29-31.

NASCC ECO is a peer assessment process that recognizes corps programs that make a commitment to high quality standards. The primary purpose is to promote and recognize excellence in the corps movement. During their visit, peer reviewers had an opportunity to ex-

perience a "day in the corps" while they made visits to sites with the Hood Canal Watershed Project (HCWP) in Belfair where they had an opportunity to observe both on-site and off-site projects of the HCWP. Peer reviewers and WSC staff visited the project's whale trail, gardens, boardwalk, gateway trail, Theler Floor System, Theler Park, Huson Springs Hatchery, Haven Lake Fishway, and Union River Trap site and kiosk.

Also visiting with members serving with the Federal Way School District, the reviewers had an opportunity to visit with members, school principals, and supervisors to discuss the value the members have serving in their schools

Digital Divide Project Update eCorps.Wa computer training in full swing

Finishing their third computer training class on November 15, 2001, the Tonasket eCorps team held a community graduation for nine families.

The Rothrock family, who home-schools each of their five children, has now earned their own personal computer as a result of the training provided by eCorps members. "What a great opportunity for families to get together and learn together," Lisa Rothrock commented. The Rothrock family uses the computer to find resources available for home-schooled children.

Upon successful completion of the class, each of the families will now be go-



Above: Lisa Rothrock and her children in Tonasket, WA proudly earn a refurbished computer at class

ing home with a free refurbished computer. All of the participants were very happy with the 5-week training course that taught topics including learning Windows and file management, utilizing word processing programs, searching the Internet and setting up e-mail accounts among other things. The participants now have the knowledge to fully utilize their computers at home for continued educational and personal enrichment activities.

In the rural community of Tonasket, programs like this are valuable considering the area is economically depressed with community access to computers (other than the new eCorps lab) almost nonexistent. In fact, the demand for services has been high and a new class started the following week.

Calendar of Events



January 21, 2002,
Martin
Luther King
Jr. Day. visit
www.mlkday.org

Feb 26-27, 2002,
Washington Reading Corps
Key Area Coordinator T/TA
meeting, Blaine, WA

March 12-14 , 2002, SERVES
Institute, Ellensburg, WA

March 20-23, 2002, National
Service Learning Conference,
Washington Convention and
Trade Center, Seattle, WA. For
more info visit www.nylc.org



The Washington Service Corps is a member of the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps (NASCC)

The WSC was created by the Washington State Legislature in 1983 to provide young adults (18-25 years old) with opportunities to serve their communities. The WSC assists private nonprofit organizations and units of local government in addressing unmet community needs and providing young adults with meaningful service experiences.

Since 1994, the WSC has been a key player in the national service movement that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in full or part-time service that Gets Things Done in communities across the nation. AmeriCorps members perform service that has a direct and demonstrable impact in four critical issue areas: education, environment, human services and public safety.

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